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For	:	INVERTED KEYBOARD INSTRUMENT AND METHOD OF PLAYING THE SAME
Group Art Unit	:	Not yet assigned
Examiner	:	Not yet assigned
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith information which he believes may be material to examination of this Application, in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97.

While this Information Disclosure Statement may be material pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is not intended to constitute an admission that the information referred to therein is "prior art" to Applicant's invention unless designated as such.

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By this submission, Applicant also does not represent that a search has been made nor that better art does not exist.

In addition, Applicant reserves the right to contend, as appropriate, that any information asserted against any claim(s) of the captioned Application is not “prior art” according to the facts and the law.

Applicant further reserves the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over such information, should any citation listed below be applied against any claim(s) of the captioned Application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner, after considering the information set forth below, independently determine those citations which the Examiner would consider to be the most pertinent.

Copies of the following citations are submitted along with Form PTO-1449.

Suzuki, U.S. Patent No. 6,376,759 B1, issued April 23, 2002: relates to an electronic keyboard instrument.

Kondo et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,365,820 B1, issued April 2, 2002: is directed to a keyboard assembly for electronic musical instruments capable of receiving key touch inputs and generating musical tones that reflect a player’s power of expression.

Arnold et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,908,997, issued June 1, 1999: concerns an electronic music instrument system with musical keyboard.

Starr, U.S. Patent No. 5,557,057, issued September 17, 1996: discloses an electronic keyboard instrument.

Galocy, U.S. Patent No. 5,463,925, issued November 7, 1995: relates to a split-keyboard MIDI controller.

Galocy, B., "Brian Galocy - Novation Innovator" Web Site Article, printed from <http://www.aarvak.com/interviews/baran.html> on October 20, 2003 (date of publication unknown): is directed to a split-keyboard MIDI controller.

It is requested that the above be made of record in this Application.

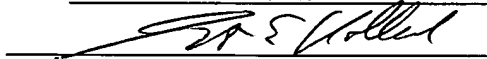
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